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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/19/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/12/03
BRO-FRY	152,643	158,820
LT HENS	1,908	2,130
HVY HENS	1,271	1,263

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	281	8	289
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	331	0	331
SAME WEEK YR AGO	253	0	253
TO-DATE/2003	4,503	61	4,564
TO-DATE/2002	5,004	20	5,024

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,236	1,229	3,465
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	2,132	1,347	3,479
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,180	1,327	3,507
TO-DATE/2003	29,642	20,071	49,713
TO-DATE/2002	32,233	19,368	51,601

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,185	1,955	1,221	3,176
AVG WT	5.17	3.44	8.00	5.19
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	156,255	1,801	1,347	3,148
SAME WK YR AGO	157,463	1,927	1,327	3,254
AVG WT	5.10	3.51	7.64	5.23
TO-DATE/2003	2,243,079	25,139	20,010	45,149
TO-DATE/2002	2,286,883	27,229	19,348	46,577

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154 million head or 0.3 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 5, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,614	25,770	39,318
Avg Weight	3.86	4.80	6.20
% of total /1	27%	29%	44%

COMPARISONS

Last week	33,617	26,598	49,199
Avg Weight	3.86	4.73	6.04
% of total /1	31%	24%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	23,598	23,328	43,621
Avg Weight	3.77	4.65	6.11
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%

To date/2003	336,030	308,260	594,138
To date/2002	424,961	327,782	655,700

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-2003  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,978	2,909	71	9	4,967
AVG WT	15.69	37.15	25.97	30.31	28.44
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	1,638	2,810	65	22	4,535
SAME WK YR AGO	2,036	2,764	27	2	4,829
AVG WT	16.60	35.71	26.52	37.08	27.60
TO-DATE/2003	25,439	39,652	854	242	66,187
TO-DATE/2002	26,165	38,826	583	112	65,686

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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